



## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### From the President



Dear Friends,

I would like to start this letter with a great big THANK YOU to all of our volunteers!

"Thank you" also to the Book Cellar volunteers; you are able to get so much done in a short amount of time. And then you turn around and volunteer to put on the Big Book Sale. THANK YOU!

Next on my list of Thank Yous is for the people who volunteered at the Folklife Festival for the Autograph Party. **Denise Villarreal** at the Institute of Texan Cultures as well as from the Twig Book Store have expressed appreciation for our efforts. So, everyone who took time out of his or her busy schedule to help, please give yourself a pat on the back.

And last but not least I want to thank **Edie and Vern Hophan** for coming down to the library on Sunday during the Birthday Party to sell posters all by themselves. I am not sure what I would have done without them. **Maria Pfeiffer** was also there and said that the next time she retires, she knows that she can get a job rolling up posters after people have paid for them. At the poster table, we had both **Cliff Tinker**, the artist, and **Diane Gonzales-Betrand**, a local writer represented on the poster, signing posters. A special "Thank you" to them for coming down and helping us with our sale.

This letter is going to be short because I just wanted to take time to say THANK YOU to everyone for his or her hard work this year!

Our next open Board meeting is July 16 at Cody, and I hope to see you there.

*Barbara C. Isner, President  
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library*

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### NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR FRIENDS' 2003 ARTS AND LETTERS AWARDS

A Friends planning committee is being formed to select honorees for the 2003 Arts and Letters Awards given annually by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. An awards presentation and reception is being scheduled for early December.

First presented in 1972, the Awards represent and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishment in the arts and letters. Honorees include writers, artists, musicians, educators, community leaders, entertainers, and many others who have served to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of San Antonio. Sixty-two previous award winners include **T.R. Ferenbach**, **Rosita Fernandez**, **Dan H. Lawrence**, **John Igo**, **Tommy Lee Jones**, **Sandra Cisneros**, **Jacques Barzun**, and most recently, **Lewis Fairchild Fisher**, and **Mike Greenberg**.

The planning committee is now accepting nominations from Friends for selected candidates to receive the 2003 awards. *Nominations will be accepted through July 31, 2003.* Nomination proposals should be in letter form, include justification for the selection, a brief biographical résumé telling about the candidate, and the nominator's name, address, and telephone number. Mail nominations to: Robert LaCaff, FOSAPL Awards Committee, 20550 Huebner Road 101, San Antonio, Texas 78258-3966. For further details, call (210) 545-6855.

### Open Board Meeting July 16, 7:00 p.m.

### Map to Cody Library

11441 Vance Jackson – (210) 696-6396 (also TTY)



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past Loop 410  
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## Minutes for the May 21, 2003, FOSAPL Board Meeting

A quorum finally present at 7:05, President **Barbara Isner** called the meeting to order at the McCreless Branch, May 21. In the absence of our Acting Secretary **Irma Ned Bailey**, Barbara checked the roll, and the following Board members were present: **Lucy Gale, Gerry Celitans, Vera Banner, Linda Nairn, Marti Nodine, Yulanee McKnight, Pat Brown, Edie Hophan, Robbie Ruppert**; additionally, **Ann Marie Arizmendi** attended. She is considering becoming a Board Member in place of Pat Sharman.

**Marti Nodine** offered to take notes during the meeting.

**Melba Rodriguez**, the new Head Librarian of McCreless, introduced herself with humorous asides about her new life (and dining indulgences) in our city, welcomed the Friends and expressed appreciation for the McCreless Friends in particular.

**Edie** and **Vern Hophan** hosted the meeting, providing delightful refreshments.

Marti next entered A CORRECTION TO THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: **Don Counts**, erroneously referred to as the President of the Foundation, is actually Chairman of the Library Board, chartered by the City Council.

In the absence of Treasurer **Aaron Konstam**, Barbara gave Aaron's Account Balance Report as of 5/13/03 of which he had provided ample copies.

### Issue #1: Investments:

How best to invest the monies from our Certificates of Deposit emerged as the main issue. Certificate #4828, which expires in June, can be put into a money market account for greater liquidity, if the Board were to approve. Also, as of July 28, two (2) additional C.D.s will be mature and could also be transferred into a money market account.

The body debated how to dispose of these certificates. Generally speaking, the point in favor of rolling the C.D.s into money market accounts is their greater liquidity. In favor of keeping them, or at least part of them, in C.D.s is their greater rate of interest.

Barbara said that usually **Dennis Brown**, the Friends' accountant, advises that we hold no more than \$10,000 in C.D.s, to assure ourselves non-profit status. Thus, Vera Banner moved that Certificate #4828 be moved from a C.D. to a money market fund as soon as it expires in June. **Barbara Stanush** seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote.

The remaining two C.D.s, #4315 and #4323, both of which expire July 28, were next up for consideration as to whether they should be rolled over as C.D.s or put into a money market fund like #4828 will be. A discussion ensued over whether other savings options should be investigated and whether Aaron should be consulted more fully before the Board decide on this issue. Barbara solicited a motion. **Edie Hophan** moved and **Shirley Coleman** seconded the motion to move the remaining C.D.s into a money market fund when they mature, July 28. The motion failed to carry, so the outcome will be decided at the July meeting, well in advance of the maturation date.

### Issue #2 Poster Sales:

Barbara urged members of the Branches to exhibit posters as soon as possible. A sales table will be set up at the Centennial Public Gala, June 8, at the Central Library. **Edie Hophan** suggested that we put "remainders" in schools.

**Gerry Celitans** suggested we cut the price to \$5. Also, perhaps the Friends could put them into the book bags of the children attending the Summer Reading Program. Barbara mentioned that **Diane Gonzales-Betrand**, local writer represented on the poster, and **Clif Tinker**, the graphic artist, offered to sign posters at the Centennial Sale. A discussion followed regarding the ethics of charging less for a signed poster than others had paid initially. By general agreement, it was decided to sell unsigned posters for \$10 during the sale, then to have signed posters available later. At the July meeting the Board will need to establish a price for the posters which are left and to determine what is to be done with the remainders.

### Announcements from the President and from the Floor:

Barbara announced the resignation of **Pat Sharman** from the Friends Board. **Ann Marie Arizmendi** has graciously agreed to finish Pat's term.

New members might be added to the Board as representatives from the Branches are chosen. Branches are allowed two delegates to the Board. Names of new Branch members and representatives need to be sent to Barbara to help speed the nomination process and ensure greater diversity and representation on the Board.

Barbara said that she would send out "Infoments" listing current members of the Board.

**Lee** and **Robert LaCaff** have agreed to chair the Arts and Letters Committee, a post formerly held by **Vera Banner**. **Edie Hophan** has resigned as Refreshments Co-ordinator, so a new one will need to be found.

**Bettie Ward** wished to correct the erroneous impression made in the last newsletter's calendar that the Westfall Centennial Birthday Party would coincide with a Friends meeting lasting from 1:30–5:00. (No one, Friend or Guest, could be that intense, she implied.) Bettie also urged attendance at the Westfall Used Book Sale, June 14.

**Shirley Coleman** from Carver reported that the Carver Book Sale would be held, June 28. Carver Friends are actively redecorating the Branch Library, installing potted plants inside the building and planning landscaping projects outside. A Master Gardener from the neighborhood is overseeing the landscaping project and is enlisting the help of youngsters from the Carver area to help him make his vision a reality.

Barbara mentioned that the Library Foundation is sponsoring a program involving dinner and a reading by Sandra Cisneros of her poetry, September 4. Tickets for this fundraiser are \$100 per person.

Thousand Oaks Friends are greatly pleased by renovations to their facility.

A report from **Mary Louise Daneri**, the Friends' liaison, followed, giving the Board a behind-the-scenes view of the **Dale Chihuly** installation at the Central Library. The library would be closed, June 7, to the public, so that the staff could prepare for the exhibition. A preview for Foundation members and guests would be held, June 4, with the public celebration held outside the library on Sunday, June 7, from 1–4 PM. Tables and booths would be manned outside for informative displays and children's activities. Daneri has given money to each branch to fund Library Birthday Celebrations as a kick-off to the Summer Reading Club. (Daneri's budget for Summer Reading Programs, funded largely by the Friends, appeared on page 5 in the May/June newsletter.) The San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department is partnering with the Library to host Kids' Quest with approximately 40 on-site installations.

Library Board reports, Board Executive Reports and Committee Reports were scheduled to follow. However, **Don Counts** could not be present to comment on activities of the Board, and **Cathy Dean**, the Friends' representative to the Board, was on vacation. **Aaron Konstam** could not be present to give the Treasurer's Report verbally, but he sent copies of his Account Balances Report for examination. Vera moved acceptance of the budget, Shirley seconded the motion which carried.

**Ronnie Retzloff**, Chair of Membership, was absent, but data would be sent for publication in the next newsletter. In her newsletter report, Marti regretted that news from Thousand Oaks' correspondent **Ivy Durnell** did not make it into the publication and acknowledged that it was entirely the fault of the editor. Also, Marti regretted that Oakwell's Acting Head Librarian **Haley Latshaw** was not given appropriate coverage as a long-standing member of the staff and that the Oakwell Book Sale did not appear in the Calendar.

**Jim Wogstad**, President of the Book Cellar Branch, could not attend; however, **Robbie Ruppert** served in his stead and announced that the Book Cellar had made a little under \$7,000 in its recent Book Sale. Jim continues to renovate the facility, sketches for which appeared on page 7 of the May/June newsletter.

**Lucy Gale**, the Friends' Vice-President and a member of the Foundation Staff, gave a report on the activities leading up to the Chihuly Opening and Exhibition during June's Centennial Celebration. WOAI has announced the winning title of the piece as the "Fiesta Tower." Lucy announced an agenda for events culminating in the private showing, June 7, and the Birthday Party and public unveiling of the installation, June 8. She also gave credit to the Downtown Alliance for wide publicity as well as to the Amigos which produced stickers with "catchy slogans" (i.e., "Do You Chihuly?") to be given to downtown visitors. Lucy predicted that visitors to downtown will be drawn to the "red enchilada" library with Chihuly sauce.

On that humorous note, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

*Marti Nodine, Acting Secretary*

## BRANCH LEAVES (News from Support Groups)



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### Book Cellar

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The Library's 100th birthday party for the public on Sunday afternoon, June 8, was a great day for the Book Cellar. The store took in more than \$440 in book sales, as crowds of people came down to shop. In addition, FOSAPL volunteers **Edie** and **Vern Hophan**, stationed on the library's main floor, sold 36 posters.

Children's nonfiction and "chapter" fiction books are on sale at 3 for \$1 from mid-June through August, to coincide with the Library's Summer Reading Program. The sale does not include easy readers (picture books for young children) because of constant high demand for those books.

For adults, hardback novels and mysteries are on sale during July, marked down to 3 for \$1.

Book Cellar volunteers always get discounted prices, so if you would like to donate some time in exchange for that incentive, please call store manager **Karen Atkinson** at (210) 227-9519.

*Pat Konstam*

*Book Cellar correspondent*

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### Brook Hollow

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At our May meeting, **Molly Robbins** from library administration talked to us about the planned library renovations. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in September or October. Efforts are being made to schedule construction so that work is done on only part of the building at any one time, to avoid any lengthy closing of the entire library. We hope this can be accomplished.

With the help of many dedicated volunteers, Brook Hollow had another extremely successful book sale on May 17, raising over \$2,600. When the library renovations are near completion, we will work with librarian **Beverly Jackson** to see how the Friends' funds can be of most use.

If you are in the area, please stop in to see the beautifully mounted and framed library centennial poster the Friends purchased for display at Brook Hollow. Thank you to **Mollie Peacock** for having this done.

The next meeting of the Brook Hollow Friends will be August 25, 2003, at 7:00 PM in the library meeting room.

*Beth Crabb*

*Brook Hollow Friends Treasurer*



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## Oakwell

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A new Head Librarian has been appointed to Oakwell Library. Her name is **Wendy Friedman**, and she comes to Oakwell from the Central Library. The next Oakwell Book Sale will occur on Saturday, August 16 from 11 am to 3:30 pm.

*Aaron Konstam, President  
Oakwell Friends*

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## Westfall

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The Westfall Branch 40th Birthday Party was a great success. The Friends provided a special birthday cake, which was decorated as follows:

**LET'S CELEBRATE!**  
**40th Birthday ----- Westfall Branch**

**100th Birthday ----- San Antonio Public Library**

**Youth Summer Reading Kick-off**

It was suggested that our guests be asked, "Would you like a piece of cake to read? However, the cake disappeared so fast that the "reading lesson" did not last very long. Fortunately, the Westfall Teen Group came to the rescue by serving popcorn, cookies, pretzels and punch. They also provided face painting and chalk art, and were great hosts. The big hit with the younger readers was a Reading Tent erected in the middle of the Children's Section. Stories were read aloud inside the tent, and the children (and some nimble parents) crawled in to hear them. The tent gave the stories a special allure not found in ordinary space!

The new reading corner in the adult section received many compliments. The Friends are happy that they were able to help make the reading corner possible.

All in all, it was a great party. Now we wish you "Happy Summertime Reading!"

*Bettie Ward, President  
Oakwell Branch*

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## Writer Friends

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The May 13 Writer Friends Fiesta was held at Barnes and Noble, Fiesta Trails, featured published members of the Writer Friends, in celebration of Texas Writers Month. The Library's Born-to-Read program received part of the proceeds from the sale of books that evening. **Kaye Lenox**, President of the San Antonio Library Foundation, explained the Born-to-Read program.

**Dr. Steven Kellman**, Professor of Comparative Literature at UTSA and writer, introduced all published members of the Writer Friends who were present, including the readers for the evening. **Naomi Shihab Nye**, **Claude Stanush**, **Margie McCrless Roe**, and **Diane Gonzales-Bertrand** read passages from

their new works. Attended by an overflow crowd, the meeting was a rousing success.

At our next meeting, on Tuesday, September 9, **Kathleen LeStrange**, the Creative Writing teacher at the Northeast School of the Arts, will speak. A newcomer to San Antonio, Kathleen used to write for "All My Children."

Mark Saturday, November 15, from 10 AM to 2 PM on your calendars for a San Antonio Writers Fair to be held in the Central Library Auditorium. A departure from our regular meeting time, this special event follows the opening, Friday, November 14, of the Regional and Local Children's Book Authors and Illustrators Exhibit of Books and Illustrations in the Central Library Gallery. At the Fair, local writers, illustrators and publishers will have an opportunity to display sell and, in some cases, read from their works. Look for more details in the September FOSAPL newsletter.

*Barbara Stanush, President  
Writer Friends*

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## Branches Are Bustin' Out All Over



Participants of the Henry Guerra Jr Library groundbreaking ceremony included (left to right) Councilman **Enrique Barrera**; **Don Counts**, Chair, Library Board of Trustees; **Tom Frost**; **Lowry Mays**; **Patsy Steves**; and **Mary Ann Noonan Guerra (Mrs. Henry Guerra)**, which took place in late March. This Branch, will be located on West Military Highway at Castleridge, will serve approximately 82,000 of our population, about 25,000 of whom are children. A well-equipped computer center will provide Internet access to residents of all ages, many of whom have "no home access to what are now basic 21st century learning tools." This is just one of the ceremonies that the Foundation has sponsored and continues to sponsor, according to **Lucy Gale**, the Friends Vice President and a Foundation staffer.

Watch for information about the Julia Yates Semmes Branch Library at Commanche Park and the Mystic Park Branch Library near French Creek, as well as the library near Camp Bullis/IH10 area and UTSA.

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## Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- ☐ In honor of      ☐ In memory of
- ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

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Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

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San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174



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## FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Adult)      \$ 10

\_\_\_\_ Dual (Adult)      \$ 20

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18)      \$ 5

\_\_\_\_ Patron (Per Person)      \$ 50

\_\_\_\_ Contributing (Per Person)      \$100

\_\_\_\_ Life (Per Person)      \$250

\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Branch Group \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

\_\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

\_\_\_\_ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).**

**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

*and mail to:*

*Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)*

*P.O. Box 831174*

*San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174*

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

*Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.*

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| July 16      | <b>Board Meeting at Cody, 7 PM</b>   |
| August 16    | Oakwell Book Sale, 11 AM-3:30 PM   |
| August 25    | Brook Hollow Friends meeting at 7 PM   |
| September 4  | Dinner and reading by <b>Sandra Cisneros</b> of her poetry<br>Tickets for this Library Foundation Fundraiser are \$100 |
| September 9  | Writer Friends meeting featuring <b>Kathleen LeStrange</b> ,<br>at the Central Library Auditorium, 7 PM                |
| September 15 | Writers and Illustrators Book Fair, Central Library  |
| September 20 | Cody Book Sale, 9 AM-3:00 PM   |

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
(210) 496-6315

Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
(210) 207-2534

Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
(210) 696-6396

***Please mark your calendars for remaining 2003 Board Meetings: September 17 and November 19.***

\*Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend these meetings.

## DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY IS AUGUST 15, 2003

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